



# US Army Corps of Engineers®

New York District

Former Sampson Air Force Base, Willard, N.Y.

## FACT SHEET

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### DESCRIPTION:

The former Sampson Air Force Base is located south of Waterloo, near the towns of Willard and Ovid, in Seneca County, NY-24. The site borders Seneca Lake on the east shore; Seneca Lake is one of several natural lakes in central New York State, known as the "Finger Lakes," which are characterized as long and narrow. Used initially as a Navy World War II (and later Air Force) basic training facility, it originally consisted of approximately 2,597 acres of which approximately 629 acres eventually became part of the Seneca Army Depot. Major portions of the former Sampson Air Force Base was purchased by the State of New York and is operated as a State Park. The Sampson WW II Naval Museum, with an Air Force wing is located within the Park. The State of New York Corrections Office owns a part of the site. The Village of Romulus also owns a portion of the site, and used this portion as a shooting range.

### AUTHORIZATION:

The former Sampson Air Force Base will be investigated under the Defense Environmental Restoration - Formerly Used Defense Site Program. The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 authorized that program. The areas of concern (AOCs) which will be examined include an abandoned landfill area, six firing ranges, a diesel oil fuel storage area, an abandoned coal storage area and one incinerator area. Additionally, building demolition / debris removal has been approved for a number of buildings formerly used by the Air Force, to include a sewage treatment plant.

### STATUS:

This year, a site inspection is planned to determine whether munitions constituents and/or munitions and explosives of concern remain at the site. The site inspection will be conducted in accordance with the protocol of the Military Munitions Response Program.

Future Planned activities: In response to State of New York concerns, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will complete a remedial investigation of the landfill at the site, subject to availability of funds.

### PROJECT COST:

Estimated Federal Costs (MMRP Site Inspection):	\$ 195,000
Estimated Non- Federal Costs:	\$ <u>0</u>
Total	\$ 195,000

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